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ICC launches weather balloon

Up, up and away!

ADDIE DAVIS
Northeast Mississippi
Daily Journal

Community members cheered as Itawamba Community College’s Special Topics in Biology class launched a weather balloon the morning of Friday, Apr. 5.

The balloon launched at about 9:24 a.m. from the Fulton Campus’s band practice field. The Itawamba Attendance Center’s fifth grade class; ICC faculty, staff and students and other community members, including WTVB meteorologist Matt Laubhan, looked on as the balloon zipped away toward a pale crescent moon.

The balloon carried a payload box containing nonpathogenic E. coli. The payload box was strapped with a GPS, equipment to measure atmospheric data and a GoPro. The balloon was expected to rise to about 90,000 feet within 90 minutes, the helium inside it expanding as the pressure outside the balloon dropped, said Special Topics in Biology student Jillian Babb. At around 90,000 feet, the balloon would pop, and the payload would slowly drop back to Earth.

Instructor Jada Mills expected the payload to land in the vicinity of Alliance, Ala. Mills has been in contact with the Federal Aviation Administration, keeping it up to speed on the balloon’s expected and active locations. Mills was also in communication with local authorities on the ground in the Alliance area, Babb told the Daily Journal.

Mills’ primary goals were to maintain communication with the payload GPS for its entire journey and to capture video of the edge of space on the payload’s GoPro.

The data collected from the experiment will first be released within the ICC community before it’s shared with the wider public, Mills said.

The launch was made possible by a \$15,000 Tennessee Valley Authority grant through its partnership with the Tombigbee Electric Power Association. The grant went to the ICC School of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and has been managed by Mills, the natural science division chair, computer science division chair Bradley Howard and mathematics division chair Heather McCormick.

The weather balloon launch is one of two projects the grant has funded. The other is the purchase of a mobile planetarium; that project is still in the works.

“It’s all about trying to increase STEM awareness and invite the community to Itawamba Community College,” Mills said.

Howard added that it’s never too early to get students interested in STEM careers.

Altogether, the gear for the weather balloon project cost about \$2,000, Mills said. The EdgeFlyte kit for the balloon was just under \$1,400, and the helium canister (which contained enough helium for three weather balloons) was \$400. They also purchased some spare balloons. With the materials they have, the group will be able to repeat the weather balloon experiment multiple times, needing only to purchase more helium.

The Special Topics in Biology class, taught by Mills, includes six students who formulated the weather balloon project. Five were present at the launch: Courtney McCord, Matthew Butler, Mattie Mitchell, Lane Shebart and Babb.

“These students have knocked it out of the park,” Mills said.

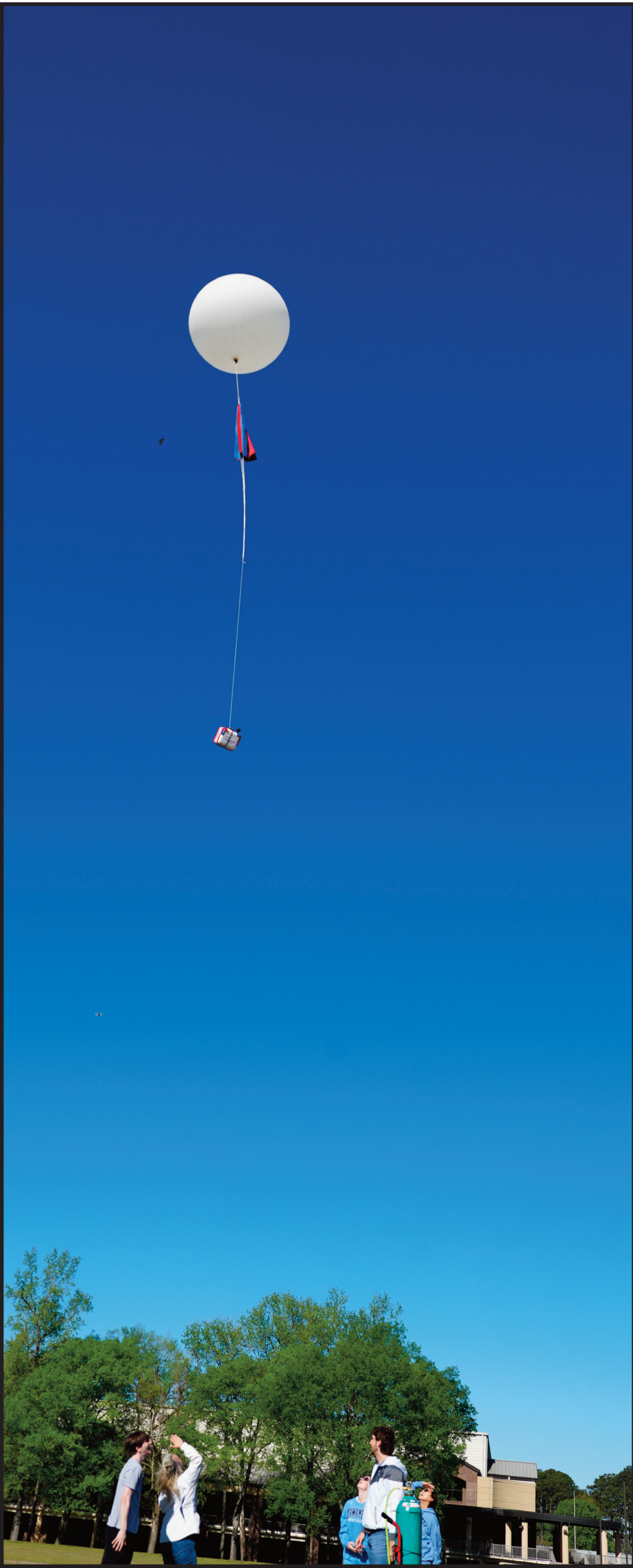
As the student team prepared to launch the balloon, Laubhan took to the mic to tell the gathered crowd a bit about weather balloons and to ask the students some questions.

Laubhan was giddy with excitement; he’d never seen a weather balloon launch in person before.

“We, the weather community as a whole, send up weather balloons two times a day all around the world, and all of the weather forecasts come back to those two weather balloon launches,” Laubhan said.

Babb, a biochemistry major, and McCord, a nurse taking STEM courses with plans to go to medical school, told Laubhan that they were most interested in seeing how the E. coli reacted in a low-pressure environment like that of Mars.

“I thought it would be really interesting to see how weather conditions can affect certain diseases,” said sophomore Mitchell, who’s interested in going into the medical field.” - **See Weather Balloon Launch, page ten.**



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Get involved
at ICC...TODAY!

Did you know that Itawamba Community College is MORE than classes?

No matter where your classes are, Fulton, Tupelo or Belden, you can join me in ALL of the activities that are designed and organized for us.

For example, the activities include Indians Got Talent, spin classes or other events. While all of these are enjoyable, nothing comes close to the competitiveness of intramural sports.

For as long as I have been at ICC, the biggest goal for many of my friends has been getting that t-shirt for winning their intramural tournament. With options such as volleyball, basketball and softball, the opportunities are endless to win that elusive shirt.

The competitive nature has led to some of my fondest memories such as winning my first kickball game with a team I had never met before. Last year, I watched my friend, Anthony, rent the gym for a week and a half to train for volleyball. The seriousness that normal students put into intramural sports just has to be admired.

The games continue to grow as well. This year, ICC held its first pickleball tournament. If you don't know what pickleball is, it's one of the fastest growing sports right now. It's a lot like tennis, but smaller with paddles a little bigger than those used in ping pong, and wiffle balls instead of tennis balls. Instead of tennis scores,, it is played to 11, but ICC decided to change it to 15 for longer games. Of course they didn't think about not allowing tennis players to play. So, my roommate and I got smoked by two of ICC's best tennis players. We weren't alone since they started freestyling on everybody and won almost every game, 15-0/ Next year, they promised that the same rules for other intramural sports would also apply to pickleball.

The various games have allowed me to get closer to many of you, my fellow students. Additionally, ICC does a wonderful job at taking photos and posting them on social media. You can also purchase them on ICC Images for only \$1 each!

For something as simple as intramural sports, ICC does a great job at allowing students to use them to express themselves while having fun and making memories for a lifetime. All the fun team names and friends competing against each other allow for a lot of unforgettable moments as well as being beaten "to a pulp" by a couple of tennis players. Intramurals might not be the first thing that you consider as an involvement option, but I promise you, it's one of my favorite things here. So, next time you and your friends are looking for something to do together, its an incredible opportunity.



OPINION
POLL

“
How do
you
manage
your
time?
”

ZaMarion Jones
Chieftain Staff

“I set time limits for myself...such as hourly intervals for certain things and allow myself time for breaks.” - *Kylee Kent, freshman, Fulton*

“By studying, working out, being with friends and attending campus events.” - *Charity Yeates, sophomore, Columbus*

“By planning out my weeks and what I have going on. I complete my assignments early in the week so I stay motivated.” - *Emma Welch, sophomore, Vernon, Ala.*

“By planning a set day to my assignments and getting them done on that day.” - *Mackenzie Shotts, sophomore, Hamilton, Ala.*

“By making daily and hourly schedules and setting reminders to get things completed.” - *Emma Mask, sophomore, Nettleton*

“By taking hourly breaks between strong study sessions and by writing everything down for memory.” - *Jordan Allen, sophomore, Ridgeland*

“By writing down what I must get done for the week, then work on what's due first and make sure it's completed.” - *Alexis Dickinson, sophomore, Batesville*

“By using a planner to plan all of my daily duties.” - *Crissen McCoy, freshman, Tupelo*

“By setting remind timers for each activity throughout the day.” - *Isaac Rossetti, freshman, Tupelo*

“By keeping notes on my phone with the reminder app and the notes app.” - *Lillian Alexander, freshman, Smithville*

VIEWPOINT
Chieftain Staff
MACKENZIE SNEED

A beautiful day
to volunteer

According to a study published by the Corporation for National and Community Service, those who volunteer have a 27 percent higher likelihood of finding employment than those who don't. Not only is volunteering a powerful way to improve a resume for college students, but it is also a way to benefit the community!

Volunteering is important in many ways. Giving to others allows us to serve and help benefit the community while making an impactful difference. Volunteering gives us a chance to help those in need and make the world a better place in exchange for our time and effort.

It is also proven through studies to reduce stress, combat depression, enhance mental stimulation and provides a sense of purpose to our lives. Volunteering is a way to broaden our support network and can be a way of learning a new skill. By volunteering, we have the opportunity to contribute to worthwhile causes while also benefiting.

As a student, I have had many opportunity to volunteer through various organizations during my two years here. Many of the college's extracurricular organizations offer students the chance to volunteer, donate and contribute. Organizations such as Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Kappa Delta and the ICC Trading Post have allowed me to help through volunteering and donating. There are also many other organizations at ICC that participate in community service opportunities.

While we are out for summer break, we can still find ways to make a difference in our communities. Nursing homes, animal shelters, food pantries and places within the community often open their arms to the willingness of others to help through being a volunteer.

Websites also provide an opportunity to match us with volunteer opportunities that might not be in our areas. For instance, these include, but are not limited to, the United Way, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, homeless shelters and others give all of us an opportunity to do a good deed and feel better in the process.

Many charities depend on our contributions and volunteerism to operate.

Earth Day is today, and many individuals will make an effort to volunteer toward environmental conservation. Preserving the environment keeps the Earth clean and flourishing. Picking up litter, restoring wildlife and building for a better future are just a few ways that we can spend Earth Day and make a difference. And, we shouldn't limit these ways to help only to one day. We should "pick up after ourselves and our neighbors."

Whether we are donating spare change to a foundation that desperately needs it or helping clean up in the aftermath of a natural disaster, such as tornadoes in neighboring Amory and other town, volunteering makes the world function.

Volunteering makes a difference and is a very beneficial way to spend a beautiful day. By doing so, we could enhance the lives of others as well.



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Faculty SPOTLIGHT

DR. EDANA NAIL

Chair, Business Department

FAMILY: “My husband, Jay, and I met the summer after our junior year in high school on a youth trip with his church, but it wasn’t until orientation at ICC where we reconnected and started dating. Two children, Cade, sophomore at IAHS who loves to play football and enjoys golfing and fishing; and Elyssa, seventh grade at IAC and plays soccer, runs cross country.

EDUCATION: Graduate of Saltillo High School, associate of arts degree in business administration from ICC, bachelor’s of business management degree from Mississippi State University, master’s degree in economics from the University of Memphis, doctorate in community college leadership from Mississippi State University



WHAT DO YOU CURRENTLY TEACH OR HAVE TAUGHT:

Principles of Macro and Micro-economics, Business Communication; previously taught Introduction to Business and Legal Environments of Business.

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING:

“The most rewarding aspect of teaching is witnessing the success and accomplishments of former students in both their professional and personal lives many years after they have left the classroom.”

NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING:

“A negative aspect of teaching for me is that students have so many accessibilities today that allow them to limit their own abilities and work ethic. These conveniences and technologies are wonderful tools that can move their starting line much further ahead, but many times they are used as crutches to just do the job for them, and they finish or leave something having no idea of what they can truly accomplish.”

WORDS OF ADVICE FOR FUTURE STUDENTS:

“Use these man-made conveniences and your God-given abilities together to maximize your output! Trust in yourself more than the technology!”

FUN FACTS: “As a child, my father moved for work a lot. We moved as a family a lot. I was born in Kentucky, have lived in five different states (Tennessee, Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina and Mississippi) and at one time had a count on how many homes I have lived in - it was something like 18 homes before the age of 16. I have since lost count!

SHELBY FRANKS
Chieftain Staff



Dr. Jay Allen presents diplomas during one of ICC’s 2023 ceremonies.

2024 Commencement Ceremonies set May 9, 10

ALEA HUDSON

Chieftain Staff

Itawamba Community College is set to celebrate the achievements of its graduates with four commencement ceremonies scheduled at the Davis Event Center at the Fulton Campus, according to Rachel Steele, director of Admissions.

The schedule includes ceremonies on May 9 at 6 p.m., Adult Education graduates; and May 10, 10 a.m., Middle College graduates and Associate of Arts degrees, last names A-K; 2p.m., Associate of Arts degrees, last names L-Z, and 5 p.m., Associate of Applied Science degrees and certificate recipients.

Ceremony times have been assigned to students and are available on ICC’s website, www.iccms.edu. A mandatory Commencement Ceremony Canvas course is now available to prepare graduates for the ceremony. This includes instructions on picking up caps and gowns, which will be available from Apr. 22 to May 3 at the Fulton and Tupelo campuses after graduates complete the course. In addition, they must have paid for their graduation fee and provided a photo ID prior to receiving their cap and gown, Steele said.

Veterans, active military members or reservists should

contact Ashton Smith, degree auditor/international admissions specialist, at alsmith@iccms.edu by Apr. 26 to receive a special honor cord. Graduates are reminded that regalia must be school-approved.

Graduates should arrive at the Intramural Gym in the Carrie Ball-Williamson Recreational Center one hour prior to their ceremony for professional portraits by Merlin Conoway. Stage photos and event photos will be available for purchase post-ceremony.

For further information, graduates can email registrar@iccms.edu or call 662.862.8033.

Rep. Jason White to address graduates at 10 a.m., May 10

Staff Reports

Mississippi Representative Jason White will be the speaker for Itawamba Community College’s 10 a.m. commencement ceremony, May 10, at the Davis Event Center on the Fulton Campus.

In January, he was elected as Mississippi’s 62nd Speaker of the House. The Kosciusko native began his service in the Mississippi House of Representatives, District 48 which consists of portions of Attala, Carroll, Holmes and Leake counties, in August 2011. Following re-election in 2016, he was named Rules Chairman and elected Republican Floor Leader by the Republican Caucus. In 2020, his Mississippi House Colleagues elected him Speaker Pro Tempore, and his fellow Republicans elected him Republican Caucus Chairman.

White, who is also the City Attorney for Kosciusko, represents a number of governmental entities and utility boards and providers. His previous service includes former Municipal Court Judge and



Rep. Jason White

Youth Court Judge and Board of Aldermen for the Town of West. He is also involve in a number of civic duties, including current president of the Attala County Bar Association and President of the West Historical and Preservation Society.

During his time in the Legislature, White has been involved in several pieces of key legislation, including the Mississippi Infra-

structure Modernization Act and the Mississippi Tax Freedom Act, the largest tax cut in state history, while also seeing the implementation of historic accountability measures and investments in both Education and Workforce Development. He is a past recipient of numerous Legislative awards, including Law Enforcement Legislator of the Year, Mississippi RISE Award and a Mississippi Top 50 Most Influential.

White earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from Mississippi College. He graduated from Law School in 1998 and has practiced law in his hometown of Kosciusko his entire career.

White and his wife, Jolynn, and their three children, Sara, John and Carlyn, are residents of West. They are members of West Baptist Church, where he currently serves as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher.

The public is invited to attend. - Photo courtesy of the office of Speaker Jason White.

Congratulations, ICC Class of 2024!

College
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPRING 2024

- Apr. 22-26** Final exams for eLearning full-term classes
- Apr. 24** Last day to drop classes with a 'W' through excessive absences for eLearning second four-week classes
- Apr. 26** Last day to drop classes with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for traditional full-term day/night and traditional second eight-week classes.
- Apr. 29** Grades due at noon for eLearning full-term classes.
Faculty and staff Awards of Distinction and Retirement ceremony, 2 p.m.
Student Awards of Distinction, 6 p.m.
- Apr. 29- May 2** Final exams for traditional full-term night, eLearning second eight-week and eLearning second four-week classes
- Apr. 30- May 3** Final exams for traditional full-term classes
Registration continues through the Advising Center if faculty adviser is not available.
- May 1-2** Final exams for traditional second eight-week classes
- May 3** Grades due at noon for eLearning second eight-week and eLearning second four-week classes
- May 6** Grades due at 8 a.m. for traditional full-term day/night and traditional second eight-week classes
- May 9** Adult education commencement ceremony
- May 10** Commencement

For more information and updates on the spring schedule, go to www.iccms.edu

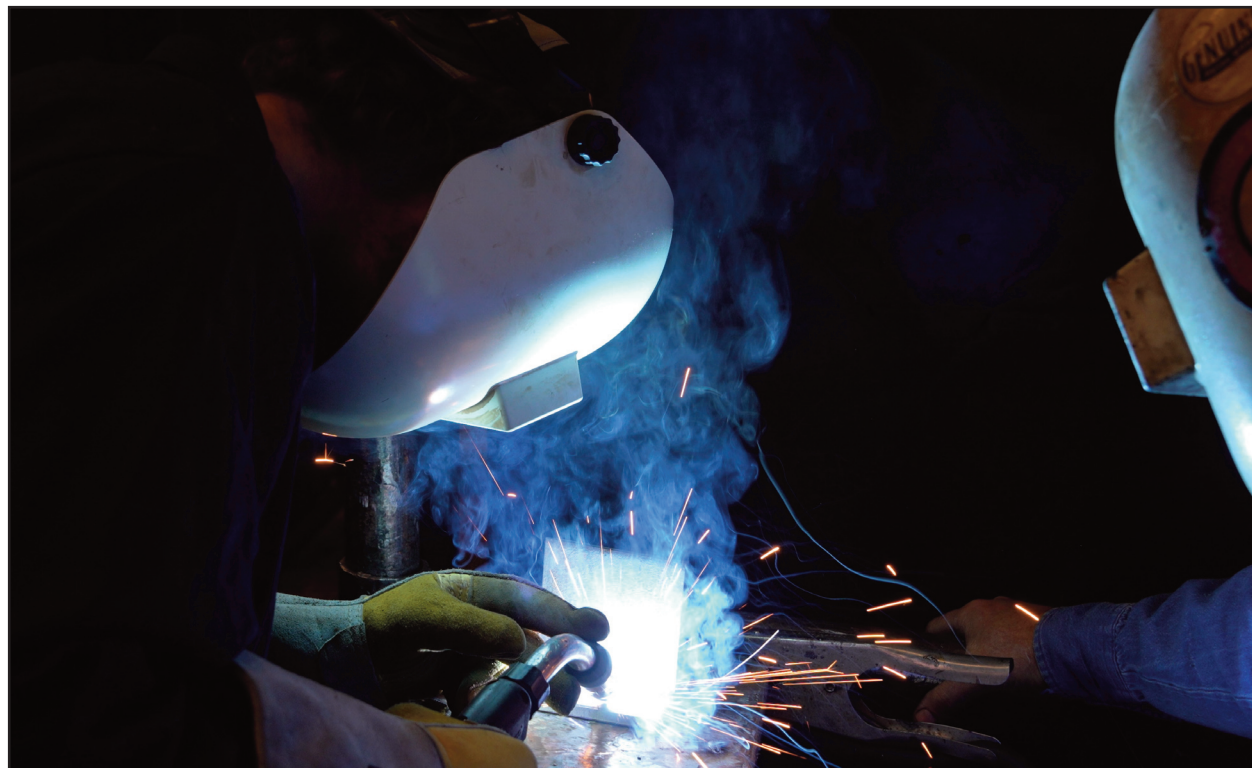
May 1 deadline for health science applications

Staff Reports

May 1 is the deadline for the submission of applications for health science programs at Itawamba Community College.

They include Associate Degree Nursing, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Health Information Technology, Practical Nursing (August class), Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant Technology, Public Health Technology, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Care Technology and Surgical Technology.

For more information about program requirements, access ICC's website at www.iccms.edu or call 662.620.5239.



Students in Itawamba Community College's welding class that has been funded by a grant from Metallica's foundation, All Within My Hands, practice their skills during a recent class. - Photo credit C.J. Adams

Metallica scholars and ICC celebrate April as National Welding Month

Staff Reports

Chris Adair of Saltillo is a student in Itawamba Community College's welding class that has been funded by a grant from Metallica's foundation, All Within My Hands.

He and his classmates as well as all students in ICC's welding classes are joining in the celebration of April as National Welding Month.

ADAIR'S STORY

Adair said that enrolling in the class was a great opportunity to learn welding. "I'm hooked on a hobby that I can have for a lifetime." His grandfather was a welder for both the Navy and NASA. "I would have made my grandfather proud. I can feel his arms on mine when I stick weld. A general studies graduate in 2018, Adair said he didn't know what his future will bring. He said he spent a lot of time playing video games. "I didn't know what to do. I saw the opportunity and decided to go for it. I was nervous at first, but I've started a hobby that I enjoy."

Adair and his classmates have different stories, but their chance meeting in ICC's welding class has given them an opportunity to learn something that will give them a better future.

A PERFECT FIT

Eric Passmore of Guntown said it is a good opportunity to get more experience in welding, which he said he has always wanted. He is also a student in ICC's Diesel Technology program, which meets during the day, as well as employee of Tag Truck

Center. "Since the welding class is at night, it's a perfect fit for me. I've learned how to stick weld, which is my favorite part."

MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES

A graduate of ICC's Heating and Air Conditioning program, Jacob Clouse of Mantachie had two years of experience in his high school career education program. He also works full-time and supervises a crew. Clouse said that one day he hopes to start his own business; however, he noted that "tons of people could benefit from this class, including those who have farm equipment, homes and in tool and die," not just those who want to make it their life work."

HIGH DEMAND CAREERS

According to the American Welding Society, welding careers are in high demand. "Welding technicians can use computers and robots, and more skilled tradesmen become inspectors, supervisors, researchers, engineers and owner operators."

Statistics show that the United States will need more than 360,000 welding professionals by 2027. "Many welders are highly skilled problem solvers working in the aerospace, automotive, electronics, construction, manufacturing, oil and gas and shipbuilding industries. A welding career can lead to financial security, career advancement and important work in areas around the world."

METALLICA FAN

Jaylon Agnew of Fulton said that a buddy talked him into finding out more about the Metallica class. He said it's interesting and a

little more difficult than he thought, but it's a great skill to have. "I hope to start my own business one day," he said. "I'm a very big Metallica fan. I play the guitar myself and am into metal. Thank you for helping people by doing this."

THE CLASS

Components of the Metallica class, which began last October, include introduction to welding I, introduction to STEM (fall) and two fully-online classes in entrepreneurship and principles of marketing (spring). ICC was selected from a competitive pool of applicants to receive \$100,000 to transform the futures of students in the area. The Metallica class was tailored for students aspiring to establish their own welding businesses, and participants received free welding supplies branded with the Metallica All Within My Hands and ICC's logos.

And, during the nationally-celebrated Welding Month, it's a great time to reflect on the value of welders in our society, to thank All Within My Hands for this tremendous opportunity that it has provided to ICC and to share the stories of Chris Adair, Eric Passmore, Jacob Clouse and Jaylon Agnew. Their story could be your story.

In addition to the Metallica welding class, ICC offers a one-year selective admission program, which will earn the completer a career certificate. Classes begin in August each year. For more information, email careereducation@iccms.edu.

ICC Board of Trustees elects 2024 officers

Staff Reports

Steve Coleman of Pontotoc has been elected chairman of the ICC Board of Trustees for 2024.

Other officers include Don Loden of Fulton, first vice chairman; Dr. Jerome Smith of Okolona, second vice chairman; Greg McKissick of Blue Springs, secretary; and Marilyn Sumerford of Smithville, immediate past chairman.

Also serving on the Board of Trustees are Jeanette Atkins, Danny Gladney, Mac Allen Thomas, all of Aberdeen; Skip Scaggs of Amory; Dan

Bishop of Baldwyn, Bonnie Webb of Belden; Stacy Russell, Ronnie Gholston, both of Fulton; John Atkinson, Ollie Young, both of Houston; Mark Tigner of Mantachie; Bud Wiygul of Nettleton; Amy Anderson of Okolona; Gerald Bell, Ted Foster, Phyllis High, Danny Robbins, all of Pontotoc; Duane Jones, Steven Blaylock, both of Shannon; and Steve Eaton of Woodland.

Pictured at right, seated, Steve Coleman, Marilyn Sumerford; standing, Greg McKissick, Dr. Jerome Smith, Don Loden.





Meeting Room

CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

PROFESSIONAL/SCHOLARLY

Alpha Delta Nu	alphadeltanu@iccms.edu
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eSports Club	esports@iccms.edu
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Pom Squad	pomsquad@iccms.edu
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**For more information
on ICC clubs
and organizations,
www.iccms.edu.**

Apply by Apr. 26 for Indian Delegation

Staff Reports

Apr. 26 is the deadline for applying to be a member of Itawamba Community College's Indian Delegation for 2024-25.

Indian Delegates are required to be enrolled in at least 15 credit hours and maintain a 3.5 GPA or better. They must also enroll in a one credit hour class to discuss upcoming events, lead tours and have the opportunity to hear from speakers.

Delegates also must sign up for an office hour in recruiting to assist college recruiters.

The benefits of membership, according to Michael Holloway, Indian Delegation coordinator/sponsor, include leadership and communication skills, making connections with ICC administrators and those within ICC's supporting district, including Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties.

Delegates are also awarded a scholarship of \$350 per semester that can extend up to four semesters.

Students can access the application on ICC's website, www.iccms.edu/indiandelegation, and are required to submit a résumé after completing the application.

There is an interview process in which students must show that they are passionate, hard working and dedicated.

Interview dates are Apr. 30 and May 1.



Representatives of the Beta Tau Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa display some of their awards that they received from Phi Theta Kappa at the Catalyst International Convention, Apr. 4-6, in Kissimmee, Fla.

ICC Phi Theta Kappa chapters receive multiple awards

Staff Reports

Both the Beta Tau Sigma (Tupelo) and Upsilon Sigma (Fulton) chapters of Phi Theta Kappa at Itawamba Community College received awards at the organization's Apr. 4-6 at the Catalyst International Convention in Kissimmee, Fla.

Both chapters were awarded Reach Rewards Chapter.

Beta Tau Sigma awards included Distinguished Honors in Action, Distinguished Chapter,



First Place for Theme 5 Honors in Action, Top 100 Chapter and Distinguished Adviser Award presented to Jenny Bowers.

Sponsors in addition to Bowers and Hukle include Dr. Ira Lindsay Kinard-Jones of Houston, Beta

Tau Sigma; and Makela Salmon of Starkville, Upsilon Sigma.

PTK is the international honor society for the two-year college. Its hallmarks are leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service, which are the criteria for selection as recipient of the Golden Key award. Members are afforded opportunities for personal and professional growth and to provide service to the community and society at-large.

Sigma Kappa Delta inducts new members for spring '24

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Omicron Zeta chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta has inducted new members for the 2024 spring semester.

They include Aya Aboluhom, Iliana Acosta, Pedro Aguilar, Masimo Aguilar, Cristal Aguirre, Lillian Grace Alexander, Kaitlyn Allred, Caitlyn Ard, Nyesha Banks, Shamariah Barber, Vanessa Baugatz, Melanie Bennett, Arizona Black, Danelly Blanco, Connor Bounds, Caleb Bowers, Brandi Bray, Zoey Britt, Tytianna Brooks, Ella Browning, Destiny Buchanan, Miriam Buchanan, Krystyna Burenok, Dessa Burkhart, Colton Byrd, Maria Carrillo, Joshua Coker, Lauren Collums, Jeremy Cooper, Sidney Crump, Abigail Cucchiara, Clinton Cunningham, Saja Darwish, Kenneth Davis, Brandi DeLoach, Chloe Digby, Madison

Dillard, Carlee Dunlap, Katelyn Elbeck, Aubrey Embrey, Rookia Fadil, Timothy Faulkner, Darin Blake Flowers, Kaitlyn Fortson,



Autum Franks, Shelby Franks, Ryan Garner, Meradith Gaudet, Caden Graham, Jayme Griffin, William Hairald, Kayli Hall, Cade Hamm, Kendall Harrington, Taylor Harrison, Isabella Holiman, Chelsey Holte, Abigail Horton, William Horton, Rebecca Hughes, Ally Hurley, Kaillee Inmon, Serenity Ivy, Nelson Jenkins, Brandon King, Montgomery Ligon, Jonna

Lumpkin, Brianna Marino, Jayla Marsh, Manijah Martin, Kayleigh Maxcy, Tucker Mayo, Catherine Elizabeth McFadden, Jorye McKnight, Elizabeth Mills, Emma Montgomery, Allison Morey, Janiyah Morrow, Molly Murray, Luke Nichols, Shivarina Nichols, Sarah Perkins, Kara Pettit, Davis Phillips, Mary Puckett, Amberlee Ramey, Max Ray, Stephanie Riddle, Caroline Riley, James Ross, Alexis Ross, Joshua Spratlin, Shelby Sullivan, Alasha Sumlin, Brayden Summerford, Aubrey Swanson, Audriana Taylor, William Corey Thornton, Deonna Thornton, Alivia Tipton, Nealee Turner, Wesley Umfress, Allison Underwood, Allee Vail, Lyndsey Vernon, Cadence Wait, Brayden Wammack, Grace Weisenberger, William West, Hayden West, Briana Whitfield, Ava Fidesah Willoughby and Harlee Wilson.

ICC's Continuing Education Department schedules Small Business Showcase

Itawamba Community College's Continuing Education Department is offering a Small Business Showcase series that will begin May 2 at 6 p.m. and will feature Fulton's Square Gift Co. During the session, participants will have the opportunity to create custom design trucker hats during the two-hour session. The cost is \$30, and additional patches can

be purchased.

Additional sessions include candle making, Humble Roots Candle Company, May 16 from 6-8 p.m. at the ICC Belden Center; and a do-it-yourself wood sign workshop by Board and Brush at its location, 3944 North Gloster, Tupelo, May 24, 6-8 p.m. Both sessions are \$35 each.

"The program was initiated to

create partnerships with area local businesses and to begin during Small Business Month, which is May," said Josh Gammill, ICC Continuing Education director. "One of our goals is not only to invest in our small businesses, but also in our communities."

For more information, call 662.407.1500 or email continuingeducation@iccms.edu.

getinvolved@iccms.edu



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Career Planning	Adviser/Career Center
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Counseling	Student Affairs
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Job Placement	Career Center
Library	Library
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Student Aid	Financial Aid
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Tuition and Fees	Business office
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid

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at the same location.



A collection of 17 works by Starkville artist Joe A. MacGown is currently on display in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center gallery at the ICC Fulton Campus.

“Stuff Seen Out of the
Corners of My Eyes”
on display until May 2

Staff Reports

A collection of 17 works by Starkville artist Joe A. MacGown is currently on display in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center gallery at the Itawamba Community College Fulton Campus.

MacGown’s attention to detail and endless imagination are on full display in a show he titles “Stuff Seen Out of the Corners of My Eyes.”

“My art ranges widely from paintings of flowers and insects to chaotic and highly detailed surreal drawings and mixed media pieces,” MacGown said. “My background in entomology and natural history, coupled with my love of science fiction and cynicism, provide endless inspiration for my surreal visions, which range from

dark and foreboding to light and whimsical.” Recent pieces focus on archetypal gods and goddesses, hypothetical beings from other dimensions and other magical beings. Using imaginative imagery and random patterns, MacGown creates his detailed drawings and mixed media paintings by allowing ideas to “flow out of his head” using a method he describes as “Subconscious Meandering.” He uses a wide variety of media, but most of his art is done with inks from bottles and pens on different surfaces, especially primed or clay coated wood. MacGown said that in some cases, to properly build depth, long hours of work are needed to finish these drawings, with 400 hours or more for some works to be completed.

In addition to creating art, he has established the MacGown Art Retreat and Studio just outside of Starkville to share space and creativity with others. The project includes an artist in residence program that allows up to four artists per year to stay in the “Art House” and create art for two-to-four-week periods. Artists receive a stipend funded by a local arts organization, the Del Rendon Foundation, the Mississippi Arts Commission and other sources.

The exhibition will be on display until May 2. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and admission is free.

For more information, contact Shawn Whittington at eswhittington@iccms.edu or 662.862.8301.

April 29 ceremony to honor 17 retirees
at Itawamba Community College since Dec. 31, 2023

Staff Reports

A 2 p.m. ceremony on Apr. 29 will honor those faculty and staff members who are retiring from Itawamba Community College.

They include **Pauline Allbee**, custodian; **Cathy Bishop**, WIOA bookkeeper and Career Coach; **Ritchie Burton**, Automotive Technology in-

structor; **Dr. Martha Davis**, Associate Degree Nursing instructor; **Brady Garrett**, Physical Science instructor; **Colby Hannon**, Telecommunications and Network Technician; **Karen Little**, Bookstore assistant manager; **Doris McCreary**, Computer Science instructor; **Nita Megginson**, Radiologic Technology clinical instructor;

Clyeta Mitchell, custodian; **Dr. Laura Pannell**, lead online Psychology/Human Growth and Development instructor; **Grant Pate**, head Men’s Basketball coach; **Dr. Tim Ross**, Chemistry instructor; **Bonnie Sappington**, WIOA office assistant; **Marcus Simmons**, Supportive Services Coordinator and **Dr. Dana Walker**,

Associate Degree Nursing program director.

Retirement dates for those included range from Dec. 31, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Each will be presented a commemorative bowl by ICC President Dr. Jay Allen.

Ramp up study as spring semester exams approach

Exam Schedule

MW
8/8:15/8:25
May 1 - 8-10
9:25
May 1 - 10:15-12:15
10:50
May 2 - 8-10
12:10/12:35
May 1 - 1-3
2:25/3/3:20
May 3 - 1-3

TR
8/8:25
Apr. 30 - 8-10
9:25
Apr. 30 - 10:15/12:15
10:50
May 2 - 10:15/12:15
12:35
Apr. 30 - 1-3
2:25
May 2 - 1-3

MATHAIUS MALLARD Chieftain Staff

Spring semester final examinations are only days away, and according to Serenity Pierce, Instructional Support team supervisor, it's not too late to study.

She provided the top 10 study tips from that area that would be beneficial to use at any time. Among them are quiz yourself, eliminate distractions, take breaks, use your resources, find educational media, create a schedule, go to class, plan ahead, master Canvas and get creative.

She said that her area is a support-based group for students at both the ICC Fulton and Tupelo campuses, but those who attend classes at the Belden Center can utilize their services as well.

Instructional Support covers almost every class, including algebra, English, accounting 1 and 2,, quantitative reasoning, chemistry, Spanish and

study skills for any class, Pierce said. The locations on the Fulton Campus include for English support, Boggs Humanities 103 and for science and math, the Natural Science study lab.

She said that other specific classes are at iccms.edu/instructional support.

By taking advantage of instructional support, students can improve such areas as study skills, proofreading for speeches and essays and better focusing skills in general.

Additional Instructional Support services include Man-UP, Trading Post, professional tutoring for Anatomy and Physiology and athletic study hall.

The services are free and appointments can be booked online or through email at the www.iccms.edu website.

Tutors are assigned by grades, and they are interviewed for a specific subject.

THE ISC'S TOP 10 STUDY TIPS

- 1. Quiz yourself:**
Try note cards or Quizlet.
- 2. Eliminate distractions:**
Try enabling Do Not Disturb.
- 3. Take breaks:**
Take a walk, stretch or have a snack.
- 4. Use your resources:**
Go to tutoring or your instructor's office hours.
- 5. Find educational media:**
Try YouTube videos or podcasts on class topics.
- 6. Create a schedule:**
Plan time to study for each course.
- 7. Go to class:**
Take notes, ask questions and pay attention.
- 8. Plan ahead:**
Review the chapter before class to give yourself a head start on the new topic.
- 9. Master Canvas:**
Always check your Canvas for resources posted by your instructor.
- 10. Get creative:**
Print blank diagrams, graphs and charts to fill in.

ICC to present Meritorious awards during Apr. 29 ceremony

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College will present its most prestigious recognition, the Meritorious awards, at 2 p.m., Apr. 29, at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium. They include Support Staff: Donna Wileman, administrative assistant, Physical Plant; Brandy White, administrative assistant to the President; Professional/Administration: Jason Guntharp, System Engineer/Project Manager; Tonya Vaughn, Dean of Health Science Instruction; Faculty: Dr. Dee Dee Lomenick, Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology Program Director; Dr. Timothy Ross, Chemistry instructor; and Dr. Dana Walker, Associate Degree Nursing Program Director.

DONNA WILEMAN

According to her nomina-

tor, Wileman is "the one person who keeps our Physical Plant running." She interacts with students, physical plant employees,, faculty, staff contractors and other vendors on a daily basis and continually shows professionalism and

BRANDY WHITE

Among White's duties at ICC include overseeing the efficiency and effectiveness of the President's and Chief of Staff's offices, Board of Trustees and Cabinet. An ICC alumna, White is actively involved in the community, serving in various roles for the Tupelo Women's Club, Helping Hands and the First Baptist Church (Tupelo).

JASON GUNTARP

Also an ICC alumna, Guntharp has taught courses for the Information Systems Technology department. His roles have included Network Administrator. He has been

instrumental in many projects and initiatives, including the Mobile Education Platform. He has been named chairman of the Mississippi Community College Connectivity Consortium, representing two-year institutions across the state.

TONYA VAUGHN

Before she began her current position, Vaughn was the instructor/program director for Surgical Technology, which she implemented at ICC. Later she transitioned it from a certificate program to an Associate of Applied Science degree. In her current role, she has secured numerous grants, assisted in multiple program recertifications, achieved one new program accreditation and coordinated endless health science events.

DEE DEE LOMENICK

Lomenick has practiced as an occupational therapist

since January 1988 and worked in a variety of settings during her practice. She has 16 years of full-time academic appointment in the health science program at ICC. She is a member of both the American Occupational Therapy Association and the Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association. She also serves as the Student Occupational Therapy Association.

DR. TIMOTHY ROSS

According to his nominators, Ross, who is retiring this year, "has dedicated decades to helping students at ICC, other colleges and schools to not only learn chemistry, but to master it." Another nominator added "Dr. Ross has taught several challenging courses through his time at ICC. He has made students work for their dreams. His

classes have made me learn how to study and made me become a better student, have made me grow and helped me get to where I am today."

DR. DANA WALKER

Walker accepted the director position in 2018, and after just one and a half years, under her leadership, the program had a successful ACEN accreditation visit and received full accreditation for the next eight years, according to one of her nominators. "She has been a member of the Mississippi Nurse's Foundation since 2017 and served as the board president for three years. Additional memberships include Mississippi Nurses Association, Mississippi Hospital Association and the Mississippi Organization of Nurse Executives.

May 30 application deadline for ICC selective admission programs

Staff Reports

May 30 is the deadline for application for four selective admission programs at Itawamba Community College.

They include electrical, industrial maintenance, robotics and automation and welding. All are taught at the ICC Belden Center (3200 Adams Farm Road).

Selective admission programs have a limited number of openings each year and have specific entry-level admission requirements that must be met before selection for admission to the program. Those who wish to apply must complete an online admission application for the program of interest and have taken the ACT.

For more information, email ckbyars@iccms.edu.



The BEST start here!!

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

APRIL 22

*Fuel Up for Finals
Academic and Student Center
Health Science Education Center
Tupelo Campus - 9 a.m.*

APRIL 23

*Fuel Up for Finals
Crane Pavilion
Fulton Campus - 9 a.m.*

*Humanities Club Movie Party
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center
LDR - Fulton Campus
2:30 p.m.*

*Silent Disco
Band Hall - Fulton Campus
7:30-9:30 p.m.*

APRIL 24

*Do-Nut Stress
Training Entrance Lobby
Belden Center - 7:30 a.m.
Crane Pavilion - Fulton
9 a.m.
Academic and Student Center -
Tupelo - 9 a.m.*

*Humanities Club Study Party
Boggs Humanities Building 109
Fulton Campus
1-4:30 p.m.*

*CenterStage Spring Concert
W. O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center
Fulton Campus
7 p.m.*

APRIL 25

*STEM Club Student Presentation
Weather Balloon Project
Natural Science 105
Fulton Campus
2:15 p.m.*

*British Tea Party
Dining Hall Courtyard
Fulton Campus
3:30-4:30 p.m.*

APRIL 27

*Chop Day
Lambert Stadium/Eaton Field
Noon*

APRIL 29

*Faculty Awards of Distinction
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center
2 p.m.
Student Awards of Distinction
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center
6 p.m.*

MAY 10

*Commencement Ceremonies
Davis Event Center
Fulton Campus
Multiple Ceremonies*

*For more information,
www.iccms.edu
Activities Calendar*

ONCE UPON A FASHION SHOW



*Fashion Tribe Spring Show
April 15*

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

JUST A REMINDER...

Review lockdown procedures

ICC's faculty, staff and students are urged to review campus lockdown procedures.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," said Dr. Brad Boggs, vice president of student services.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

- 1) Lock all doors and windows.
- 2) Close all blinds.
- 3) Turn off lights.
- 4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.
- 5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.
- 6) Make no noise.
- 7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, for information. It's located under Campus Safety on the home page.

Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It's up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

Campus Police

ICC-Belden...662.687.2752

ICC-Fulton...662.687.2750

ICC-Tupelo...662.687.2751

**For more information
about ICC emergency
procedures...
www.iccms.edu**



ManUp

Area students gathered on Apr. 12 for a conference presented by ICC's ManUp organization at the Belden Center. Charles DeLoach, Next Generation Pastor of Brown Missionary Baptist Church challenges the group in his keynote speech.

ICC to present student awards of distinction at 6 p.m., Apr. 29

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College will present its student awards of distinction in a special ceremony, Apr. 29, at 6 p.m. at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center on the Fulton Campus.

Recipients and their awards include

Aberdeen - Tirisha Fort, Jeanette Carr-Winkler Giving; Tiree Jones, Mary Walden Professionalism in Nursing;

Amory - Jolie Bishop, Hall of Fame; Ally Thompson, Hall of Fame; Brady Houston, Precision Machining Technology; Jayden Green, Construction Management Technology; Peyton Wilkinson, Sociology Department;

Beaverton, Ala. - Sara Roberts, Physical Therapist Assistant Technology, All-Mississippi Workforce Second Team;

Belmont - Meagan Whitt, English Department;

Blue Springs - Cole Nichols, Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology;

Caledonia - Sydney Wiggins, Radiology Technology;

Calhoun City - Evan Stoddard, Computer Science Department;

Carthage - Jakori Cooper, C.O.R.E. Graduate;

Clinton - Addison Pletzke, Hall of Fame, Wilburn Outstanding Officer (Upsilon Sigma Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa);

Corinth - Grace Laird, Health, Physical Education and Recreation;

Ecrú - Jessie Leigh Corley, All-Mississippi Workforce Second Team; Jose Ramirez, Automotive Technology; Brennan Westmoreland, C.O.R.E. Graduate;

Falkner - Christopher Keys, Emergency Medical Sciences;

Fulton - Hunter Prestage, Computer Engineering Department; Ethan Davis, Computer Networking Technology; Jack Spencer, Forestry Technology; Stone Collier, Health, Physical Education and Recreation Division; Brayden Summerford, Social Science Division; Grant McArthur, C.O.R.E. Graduate; Savannah Rose Scruggs, Delena Hukle Outstanding Member (Phi Theta

Kappa); Keyelle Holder, Modern Foreign Language Department;

Golden - Lane Shewbart, Biology Department;

Guntown - McKenzie Armstrong, Psychology Department; Alexis Graham, Public Speaking; Eric Passmore, Diesel Equipment Technology;

Houlka - Jerry Patton, Computer Programming Technology;

Jackson - Jordan Allen, Hall of Fame;

Louisville - Mamie Sullivan, Diagnostic Medical Sonography;

Madison - Whitt Willis, Natural Science Division, Hall of Fame, Mr. ICC;

Mantachie - Jackson Williams, Criminal Justice Technology;

Millport, Ala. - Hayes Merritt, Chemistry Department;

Mooreville - Kaley Gholston, Cutturini, Prochaska and Hoots Service Award (Upsilon Sigma Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa), Gabrielle Pearce, Hall of Fame; Michaela Heitger, Hall of Fame;

Myrtle - Jonna Lumpkin, Public Health Technology;

Nettleton - Reagan Elise Gilmore, Paralegal Technology; Emily Payne, Health Information Technology; Cannon Von Coleman, Electrical Technology; Lucy Vaughn, Hall of Fame;

New Albany - Faith Marie Drain, Associate Degree Nursing; Brad Williams, Larry Loden Associate Degree Nursing Hall of Fame; Lexie Kent, Hall of Fame;

Okolona - Brooke Roberts, Occupational Therapy Assistant;

Olive Branch - Griffin Davis, Physics Department;

Plantersville - Emma Mask, Mathematics Division, All-Mississippi Transfer Second Team, Outstanding President - Upsilon Sigma Chapter (Phi Theta Kappa);

Pontotoc - Eli Baker, Accounting Department; Emily Sauerwein, Art Department and Fine Arts Division; Tucker Cowsert, Associate Degree Nursing; Anna Scott Thomas, Communications Division, Omicron Zeta Sigma Kappa Delta Scholarship; Asteric Whitt, Criminal Justice Department; Zoe Newsom, Economics Department; Sara Francis

Kitchens, Hall of Fame; Kristin Ray, History Department; Addison Clements, Music Department; Juan Ramirez, C.O.R.E. Graduate; Sherman Ross, Janis Howell Nursing Excellence; Ashton Maffett, Mathematics Department; Anna Beth Brown, Miss ICC;

Potts Camp - Tyler McGregor, Physical Therapist Assistant;

Randolph - Logan Purdon, Computer Science Division;

Saltillo - Maricela Ortega, Early Childhood Education Technology; Caleb Clark, Welding and Cutting Technology;

Smithville - Kyla Ratliff, Theatre Department;

Southaven - Holly Reed Carrington, Earnest Ruth Agnew Spirit of Giving, All-Mississippi Transfer First Team;

Starkville - Kaitlin Brown, C.O.R.E. Graduate;

Thaxton - Kagen Ezell, Business Statistics, All-USA Transfer Second Team; Evan Funderburk, Industrial Maintenance Technology; Mackenzie Sneed, Journalism Department;

Tupelo - Nyesha Nicole Banks, All-Mississippi Transfer Second Team; Maggie Laney, Business and Marketing Management Technology; James Craig Ross, English Department, Fall Sigma Kappa delta Poetry Slam (both first and third places), Serran Avery Erwin, Golden Key (Phi Theta Kappa - Beta Tau Sigma Chapter, Linda McEachern Outstanding Officer; Glenn Best, Heating and Air Conditioning Technology; Will Gibson, Jennifer Rigby Officer of Distinction, Hall of Fame; Matthew Butler, McCormick Award of Distinction, Upsilon Sigma Chapter (Phi Theta Kappa), Guistwhite Scholar Selection; Evan Clement, Robotics and Automation Technology; Rosalinda Figueroa, Surgical Technology; Staci Fox, Respiratory Care Technology;

Vardaman - Jamie Davis, Business Administration Division;

West Point - Lakeshia Edwards, Practical Nursing; and

Woodland - Aubrey Eaton, Hall of Fame.

ICC...The BEST!

ICC students elect SGA officers

Tupelo Campus

Sennett Watkins
President

Ty Franklin
Vice President

Fulton Campus

Natalie Ryals
President

Jasmier Coleman
Vice President

Ashanti Doss
Secretary

Callie Kelton
Treasurer

Clockwise, Director of Recruiting and Enrollment Michael Holloway visits the campaign tables; candidates Jasmier Coleman and Natalie Ryals campaign.



Itawamba Community College is an open admission, comprehensive, publicly supported two-year institution primarily serving Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties, while also being responsive to the instructional and economic development needs of the region.

Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through 1) College-parallel, technical and career programs to prepare students to transfer or enter the workforce; 2) Continuing education and workforce pathways for individuals striving for professional growth or personal enrichment; 3) Strategic partnerships to provide student opportunities, meet business and industry needs and promote economic development; 4) Adult education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population, providing self-improvement opportunities, workforce readiness and/or high school equivalency; 5) Resources, including financial, physical and technological to advance educational purpose as well as traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 6) Recruitment and employment of qualified personnel as well as provide ongoing opportunities for leadership growth and success in educational, career and personal goals.

Candidates for admission to academic and career education programs may be admitted by diploma - students are required to present an official transcript from a high school accredited by the appropriate state or regional accreditation association; by completing the appropriate number of Carnegie units; by successfully completing an acceptable high school equivalency test - students are required to have an official copy of the high school equivalency transcript mailed to the Director of Admissions; by advanced standing (college transfer students). Students graduating without a regular diploma (Occupational Diploma or Special Education Diploma) must successfully complete an acceptable high school equivalency test or qualify under a Mississippi Ability to Benefit State Process in order to be eligible for admission to Itawamba Community College. Some career education programs may have selective criteria for admission.

Itawamba Community College is an equal opportunity institution. The College strictly prohibits discrimination in its educational programs and activities, employment practices and admissions processes on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ethnicity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran or other status protected by applicable law. For more information, contact the Vice President of Student Services, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.862.8271 or email TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu.

In compliance with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Itawamba Community College makes available its curricular and extracurricular programs and its facilities to every qualified person regardless of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or disability.

Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Community Colleges to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.

www.iccms.edu
662.862.8000

Have a great summer!

Weather Balloon Launch from page one

When sophomore biochemistry major Butler heard about the Special Topics class, he knew he had to sign up.

"The reason I wanted to join specifically is because I want to do research

in my career, and this gives me some hands-on field experience that I can use in my career," Butler said.

Regardless of what happens to the E. coli, whether it grows or dies, it was still a fun, interesting experiment, and

they'd have atmospheric data to examine, Butler and Mitchell said.

"Huge thanks to TVA for their donation and for helping us progress STEM and publicize STEM at ICC and in our community."

"It's just great to have support from the community," Mills said.

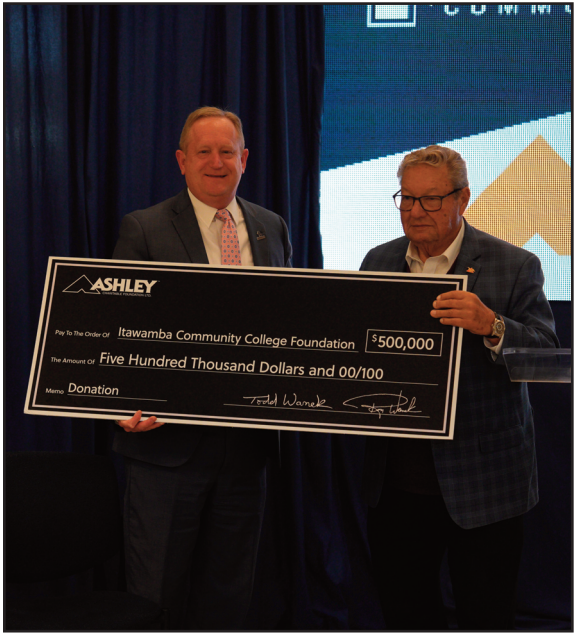
- Addie Davis is the Education reporter for the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal. Article reprinted with permission.



From top, ICC announces the construction of a Connection Center; ICC's Most Beautiful; Chief of Staff Tyler Camp presents a key to the college to one of ICC's first students, Virginia Jackson; Head Men's Basketball Coach Grant Pate announces his retirement; '23 Homecoming Court; Ashley's Foundation presents \$500,000 to ICC; the pickleball court opens; Mr. and Miss ICC; the College celebrates its 75th anniversary with a diamond gala; ICC's DMS program receives accreditation.



Looking Back...2023-2024 In the News





ICC to begin phase one of four to improve Roy Cresap Field

Staff Reports

Roy Cresap Field at the Itawamba Community College Fulton Campus has long been one of the most scenic and iconic locations in NJCAA baseball. Now that historic venue is about to get better thanks to a four-phase improvement plan announced recently by Itawamba Community College.

Phase 1 of the improvement project will include a new field, new dugouts and backstop. The field will be laser graded with artificial turf installed in the foul areas, surrounding home plate and the base paths from home plate to first base and third base to home plate.

PryorMorrow Architects designed Phase 1 of the project, and Stewart Environmental Construction is the contractor. Phase 1 of the project, which is set to begin at the end of the 2024 season. It is expected to be completed by

January 2025.

Phase 2 will focus on improvements to the grandstand area. Plans currently include new stadium seating, both individual chairbacks and bench back, canopy coverage for the grandstand seating area, two party decks and new press box space. The phase may also include upgrades to concessions and restrooms. No timeline has been set for the second phase of the project.

"These improvements to our baseball facilities will help us match the nationally-recognized program that Coach (Rick) Collier and his staff have built over the past two decades," said ICC Athletic Director Dr. Chad Case. "We look forward to a strong finish to the season before getting the new upgrades started."

The final two phases are currently in the discussion and planning processes.

Coach Collier has enjoyed a successful run in his 22 seasons as head coach at ICC. The Indians have won eight North Division championships, three conference championships, two Region championships and finished fifth in the 2003 World Series. With 673 wins, Collier, who is the winningest baseball coach in the history of the ICC baseball program, has been named Conference Coach of the Year three times while earning Region and District II Coach of the Year once.

Itawamba Community College's dedication to be the best continues through various improvement projects both on the Fulton and Tupelo campuses and at the Belden Center. After the recent addition of Magnolia Hall, the college is nearing completion on a new softball and tennis complex, upgraded the Student Activities Center,

Monroe Hall single occupancy renovations, soccer complex, renovations to the football field house with many more planned in the coming years, including the Connection Center with Chick-fil-A.

"The support of our alumni, families and friends has made a substantial impact on our ability to provide the best opportunities and championship-level experiences for our students and student-athletes," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "We are excited to get this project started while continuing other projects across our three locations to keep improving the future of Itawamba Community College."

For more information on contributions to the upgrades to Cresap Field and other projects at ICC, email Michael Upton, director of Advancement, at maupton@iccms.edu.

MACC to induct Pernell McPhee into 2024 Sports Hall of Fame

Honoring

Staff Reports

Pernell McPhee, two-time junior college All-American football player who led the state in quarterback sacks as both a freshman and sophomore with 33 during his career at Itawamba Community College will be inducted into the Mississippi Community College Hall of Fame, Apr. 23, in Pearl.

His extensive list of state, regional and national honors included two-time all-state and all-Region 23 player. McPhee was named first-time preseason junior college All-America by the National Junior College Athletic Association and J.C. Gridwire Magazine prior to his sophomore campaign. He earned the associate's degree in physical education in December 2008.

At Mississippi State University, McPhee made the 2009 and 2010 All-SEC first team, served as the 2010 team captain and was SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week. He was a fifth-round NFL draft pick of the Baltimore Ravens and a member of their 201 Super Bowl Championship team. He also played for the

Chicago Bears and the Washington Redskins. McPhee was inducted into Itawamba Community College's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2019.

McPhee attended Pahokee (Fla.) High School where he played only one year of football, starting on both sides of the ball as offensive tackle and defensive end. He was also a two-year starter in basketball. He originally signed with the University of Southern Mississippi out of high school before selecting ICC.

For seven years, he hosted the Pernell McPhee Family and Friends Football Camp in Tupelo to give back to the community that helped shape him.

When he was inducted into ICC's Athletic Hall of Fame, he said, "That's my second home. I got my first college degree from there. It's part of my heart, it's part of my soul, it's part of my spirit. It shaped me up to being a great man because it was part of the journey of me becoming the young man I am today."

He and his wife, Davia Barrett McPhee, have three children.



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Itawamba Community College has a long-standing tradition of producing successful athletes who excel both on- and of-the-field. Over the last few years, ICC athletes have proven time and time again their dedication and hard work, resulting in numerous victories and accolades for the school.

The success of ICC's student-athletes can be attributed to their unwavering commitment to their sport and their team. They understand the importance of discipline, perseverance and teamwork, and it shows in their performances. Whether it be on the football field, basketball court, baseball diamond, soccer field or tennis court, ICC's student-athletes consistently strive for excellence and push themselves to be the BEST they can be.

But their success extends beyond just winning games or competitions. ICC's athletes also serve as role models for their peers and the community. They demonstrate the values of sportsmanship, integrity and dedication, and their actions both on and off the field reflect positively on Itawamba Community College and their teams.



The impact of the success of our athletes can be seen in the pride and support they gain from the school and its fans. Their victories and accomplishments bring a sense of unity and excitement to the college, rallying students, faculty and alumni behind their teams, and their support is vital to their won/loss record. ICC has become known for its strong athletic programs, thanks in large part to the commitment and talent of its student-athletes. In addition, their coaches, many of whom, have significant won-loss records at ICC play a vital role in not only the success of their teams, but also in molding them into exemplary young men and women..

In addition to their success in competition, ICC's athletes also excel in the classroom. Many of them are dedicated students who prioritize their education while also balancing the demands of their sport. They understand the importance of academic achievement and are determined to succeed in both their athletic and academic pursuits.

With their success and dedication, ICC's athletes have had a profound impact on the school and its teams. Their efforts have not only brought recognition and pride to ICC but have also helped to foster a culture of excellence and achievement. The legacy of those athletes will continue to inspire future generations of athletes at ICC and serve as a testament to the power of hard work, determination and teamwork.

We will always remember the great accomplishments of each and every one of these athletes, not only in their sport, but also in the classroom and community.

We want to say, "thank you," and "best of luck in the future...and always remember, once an Indian, always an Indian...The **BEST DO START HERE!**



ICC's men's tennis team advances to nationals

Staff Reports

ICC's Indians advanced to the NJCAA Region 23 match after taking down Gulf Coast, 5-3, in Friday's semifinal round.

Ben Orr clinched the match for the Indians with a 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 win in No. 6 singles.

The Bulldogs took a 2-1 advantage after picking up the doubles point with wins in the No. 1 and No. 2 matches. Orr and Teeple grabbed a crucial 8-1 win in No. 3 doubles.

In singles plan, Knox Wererer picked up a 6-3, 6-0 win in No. 5 singles to make it a 2-2 contest.

Gulf Coast picked up a win in No. 2 singles to take a

3-2 advantage.

Tasso Moreira won 6-4, 6-2 in No. 1 singles before Teeple put the Indians up, 4-3, with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 win in No. 4 singles.

With both the final matches in the third set, Orr came through with the win to give the Indians the 6-3 win over the Bulldogs.

With Friday's victory, the Indians qualify for the NJCAA National Tennis Championships in Plano, Tex., May 13-17.

ICC was scheduled to host Jones College at 8 a.m., Saturday, in the Region 23 Championship match.

ICC Football schedules Chop Day '24, Apr. 27

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College Head Football Coach Travis Macon has set activities for the annual Chop Day, Apr. 27, beginning at noon at Lambert Stadium/Eaton Field at the Fulton Campus.

The schedule includes
11:45 a.m. - Players stretch;
12:01 p.m. - Introduction of the 2024 team followed by coaches and signees;

12:05 p.m. - Band plays the National Anthem, followed by the Fight Song and Chop and the players run through the tunnel;

12:10 p.m. - Bag Drill;

12:15 p.m. - 7 on 7/1 on 1 (defensive linemen and offensive

linemen);

12:22 p.m. - Punt, Pass, Kick (student activity);

12:25 p.m. - 1st and 10;

12:35 p.m. - Ball on 20/Field Goal;

12:42 p.m. - Strongest Arm/Catch-A-Punt (student activity);

12:45 p.m. - Third and Long/Punt;

12:55 p.m. - Tempo;

1:05 p.m. - Two-Point Play-Call; with students (student activity);

1:10 p.m. - All-American Band featured from the stands;

1:15 p.m. - Photo Ops with Players and Coaches;

1:45 p.m. -Transition to Base-

ball Game;

2 p.m. - ICC Baseball Double-header with Jones. Coach Macon is scheduled to throw out the first pitch.

From 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m., vendors will be set up inside the stadium. They include Cheesecakes by Ricky Leathers, Matt Moore BBQ and the Indian Delegation's Hydration Station.

Little Indians will have an opportunity to enjoy inflatables, face painting and hair tinsel.

Admission is free, but there is a cost for food/drink purchases.

If the event is cancelled because of weather, check letsgoicc.com.

For more information, email communityrelations@iccms.edu.

Itawamba Community College Sports...

BASEBALL

4.24 Northwest 3/6 p.m.
4.27 Jones 2/5 p.m.

SOFTBALL

4.24 @Northwest 3/5 p.m.
4.27 @Jones 3:5 p.m.

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